THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE L.NARASIMHA REDDY

WRIT PETITION No.35424 of 1998

Date: 25.04.2007

Between:
Umesh Toshniwal @ Kumar

....Petitioner

and

The Director General of Police and others.

....Respondents

O R D E R:

The petitioner filed this writ petition seeking a writ of Mandamus in the form of a direction to respondents 1 and 2, to remove his photographs from the notice boards of Police Control Room and Charminar Police Station, showing him as a habitual chain snatcher.

The petitioner states that he has not been convicted in any case and still not only his photographs were displayed at the places mentioned above, but he is being harassed by being called to the Police Station indiscriminately.

On behalf of the respondents, a counter-affidavit is filed narrating the circumstances that led to the display of photographs.

Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Home.

This writ petition was filed in the year 1998. On instructions, the learned Government Pleader submits that the photographs of the petitioner have since been removed from the notice boards of Police Control Room and Charminar Police Station and that he is not being called to the Police Stations for verification.

In view of this development, the writ petition is disposed of, directing that if the photographs of the petitioner are still displayed in any way, they shall be removed, unless fresh instances of any theft or other crimes have been noticed. There shall be no order as to costs.

25.04.2007

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